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ENGINEERING SCHOOL TO OPEN IN WROCLAW

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Eugeniusz Kuczynski, professor at the Wroclaw Polytechnicum, is the rector of the Evening School of Engineering and prominent specialists are lecturers. The academic year opens 1 March. Even before the announcement of official enrollment, over 700 members of technical societies applied for admission.

GIVES COURSE IN WORK SAFETY PRECAUTIONS -- Slowo Polskie, No 29, 29 Jan 50

The Main Electrotechnical Institute in Wroclaw was the first to organize a 2-day course in safety precautions for electrical installations. Two hundred and fifty delegates from all parts of Poland attended the course. Among them were 30 engineers, 7 doctors, 120 technicians, 50 officials of BHP (Work Safety and Hygienic Precautions), and workers from Wroclaw, Krakow, Katowice, Lublin, Olsztyn, and Szczecin wojewodztwos. The course covered safety precautions and first aid. Professors from the Polytechnicum, Wroclaw University, and the Medical Academy were lecturers.

Professor Skowronski, dean of the Electric Faculty of the Polytechnicum, explained the variable resistance of the human body to electric current. This resistance, under certain conditions such as dampness, drops and even a low-voltage current becomes dangerous. Professor Doctor Popielski, vice-rector of the Medical Academy, stated that if shock does not kill the person immediately, it may impair the heart activity or the nerve center of the respiratory system, causing death through suffocation.

Professor Kurdziel discussed the technical side of the electrical equipment. In the USSR the limit of tolerance is 12 volts. In Poland it has been 42 volts; now it is 24 volts. A worker now must receive a written order for each high-tension electric job so that in case of an accident, responsibility may be ascertained.

Engineer Centkiewicz explained a new method of using a stream of water in putting out an electrical equipment fire without shutting off the current.

OFFERS COURSES FOR MOUNTAIN RESCUE WORKERS -- Slowo Polskie, No 21, 21 Jan 50

In the near future, a 3-day course for mountain rescue workers, organized by PTT (Polish Tatry Society), will be held in Jelenia Gora. The purpose of this course is to train local workers of the FWP, soldiers of the Border Guard and members of the MO (Citizens' Militia) in giving aid to the injured or lost tourists in the mountains. Managers of PTT's mountain shelters, who are experienced mountain guides, will be the lecturers. Over 40 candidates applied for the course.

PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED FROM ONE CENTRAL POINT -- Zycie Olsztynskie, No 16, 16 Jan 50

Ruch State Enterprise for Colportage, created by the law of 28 December 1949, has started functioning. E. Herbst is the general manager.

Ruch's responsibility will be the distribution of all publications. Up to now, each publishing house handled its own circulation, entailing a large number of clerical and shipping personnel.

RSW Prasa and the Czytelnik Publishing Cooperative already belong to Ruch. During February, the remaining publishing houses will be included.

The Ministry of Posts and Telegraph, which has jurisdiction over Ruch, will increase the number of rural mail carriers and will equip them with automobiles to help Ruch carry out its tasks.

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